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Dear Mr. President and Mr. Prime Minister,

**U.S. – INDIA TRACK II DIALOGUE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY:**

We congratulate you on your meeting in Delhi in early November 2010. We share your belief that the outcomes of the visit have strengthened the India-US Strategic Partnership, and will further enhance cooperation in strategic areas to resolve global crises such as climate change, terrorism, and poverty.

We take this opportunity to present a brief report to both of you on the first meeting of the U.S. – India Track II Dialogue on Climate Change and Energy, held in New Delhi on 30<sup>th</sup> September & 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2010. The agenda and the list of participants are attached. As you will see, apart from our internal discussion, we interacted with Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, and Mr. Jairam Ramesh, Minister of Environment & Forests.

The Track II Dialogue on Climate Change and Clean Energy has a twin focus – to enhance bilateral partnership and to explore the possibilities of co-operation in furthering multilateral negotiations. This Dialogue was initiated to try and build shared understanding and a common agenda and objectives. This first meeting has helped to develop some of this, in fact, beyond our expectations.

Participants from both sides have agreed to explore specific opportunities for collaboration in technology, open source innovation, adaptation, solutions for bottom-of-the-pyramid segment, and finance mechanisms for low-carbon growth. More of this will be further discussed in next months and we have agreed to meet next in Washington D.C. next spring.

We share your belief that there is significant potential in cooperating in the fields of clean energy (renewable energy, nuclear energy, etc.), energy access, innovation, forestry, governance systems, etc. We are delighted to see a mention of these in your joint statement. Dialogue participants believe that this is only the beginning. With India's economic growth indicating a 9% annual GDP growth for the next 10 years, the opportunity for USA to participate in the energy, environment and forestry area development is huge – in particular, to engage in capacity building in all areas of endeavour.

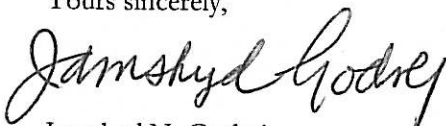
Both countries need to strive to achieve low carbon economies through policies and practices that reduce emissions in a manner that create more green jobs and improve lifestyles of people. The Green Building Movement, which is a joint, pioneering endeavour, is an excellent example of successful collaboration. This can be extended to many other areas, including Green Schools, touching the lives of millions of children.

Mr. President, Mr. Prime Minister, this Track II Dialogue is a non-official initiative involving business and industries, NGOs and civil society, and academics and experts. We hope to contribute in bringing USA and India closer together in the area of low-carbon growth.

We shall report to you on our work, from time to time.

With Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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